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Health Care for (Unorganised Informal) Labour Force
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated number and percentage of people in the organized and unorganized sector who fall under the categories of contract, bonded, casual and child labourers in the country in urban and rural areas as on date, State/UT-wise;
(b) whether there is any specific health care scheme exclusively for the unorganized labour force, especially for those below the poverty line;
(c) if so, the details thereof and the total number of beneficiaries as on date, State/ UT-wise;
(d) if not, the reasons therefor alongwith the action plan of the Government for introducing any such schemes;
(e) the steps being taken to rehabilitate child labourers that have been identified by the Government; and
(f) the labour reforms proposed to be introduced under the "Make in India" banner?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
(SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA)

(a): As per the results of Employment and Unemployment survey conducted by National Sample Survey Office (NSSO), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, the state-wise estimated percentage of casual worker both in the organized and unorganised sector in the country in urban and rural areas are at Annex-I. As per Census 2011, the number of working children in the age group of 5-14 years was 43.53 lakh.

(b) to (d): The Government launched the Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana to provide smart card based cashless health insurance cover of Rs. 30000/- per annum on family floater basis to BPL families (a unit of five) in the unorganised sector, including agricultural labourers. The state-wise number of beneficiaries enrolled under this scheme is given at Annex-II. This scheme is now being implemented by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare.

(e): For rehabilitation of rescued children, Government is implementing the National Child Labour Project (NCLP) Scheme since 1988 in the areas of high concentration of the child labour with a view to withdraw children working in hazardous occupations and processes, and mainstream them into formal education system. Rehabilitation of working children is the direct responsibility of the district project societies. Children rescued/withdrawn in the age group of 9-14 years are enrolled in the NCLP Special Training Centres, where they are provided with bridge education, vocational training, mid-day meal, stipend, health care, etc. before being mainstreamed into formal education system.

(f) Make in India is a new national programme designed to facilitate investment, foster innovation, enhance skill development, project intellectual property and build best in class manufacturing infrastructure. The Government is building a pentagon of corridors across the country to boost manufacturing and project India as a global manufacturing destination. The Make in India Project will focus on 25 priority sectors including aviation, construction, leather, textiles and garments, tourism and hospitality, automobiles, auto components, food processing, roads and highways, mining, IT and BPM etc.

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